Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 19 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 19 Jan 2021 at 03:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period of weather from Wednesday but low confidence for details for snowfall and strength on the winds on Wednesday and Thursday.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Jan 2021: A few wintery showers continuing with some bright or sunny spells and light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

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Weather: A sharp frost around dawn. Some sunny spells throughout the morning but a few wintry showers also. Some sunny spells are likely in the afternoon with showers becoming confined to western most ranges and the Islands.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%, some temporary areas of cloud shrouding the summits in snow showers. More chance cloud free tops further inland around the Trossachs and Calander.

Visibility: Very good visibility is likely outwith showers, poor or very poor in wintery showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/20 SW	15/19 S	12/15 S	8/10 S	4/5 E	6/8 E	7/9 E
900	10/13 W	11/14 SW	9/12 SW	6/8 S	4/5 SE	7/9 E	8/10 E
600	11/13 SW	14/17 S	9/11 SW	5/7 S	3/4 E	5/6 E	5/7 NE
300	7/9 S	8/11 S	5/8 S	3/5 SE	3/4 SE	2/4 NE	3/4 NE
Glen	1/3 SW	3/8 SW	2/6 S	2/4 N	2/5 E	3/7 NE	2/7 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-5/-12	-5/-12	-5/-11	-5/-10	-5/-8	-5/-10	-6/-10
900	-2/-7	-2/-8	-2/-7	-3/-6	-4/-7	-4/-8	-4/-9
600	0/-5	0/-5	0/-4	0/-3	-0/-2	-1/-3	-1/-4
300	2/-1	2/-2	2/0	3/1	2/0	1/-0	0/-1
Glen	2/1	3/1	4/3	4/3	2/1	2/0	1/-1
Freezing Level*	500m	500m	500m	500m	500m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds becoming very light later on but a severe wind chill is likely on the munro tops.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Jan 2021
Weather: Becoming cloudy from the east and despite a mainly dry morning a few snow showers will develop particularly for the eastern ranges. Further west will see the best weather during the day staying clear for much of the day. A period of heavy snow is likely later on Wednesday night with strong northerly winds causing blizzards on the hills.

Maximum wind: Northeasterly 10mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the west 70%, more in the way of low cloud in the afternoon. In the east by the afternoon 40% or less as low cloud gathers around 400m and above.

Visibility: Generally good in the morning but in snow showers visibility will deteriorate with possible whiteout conditions by early evening. The best visibility will be on western summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to Plus 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m or less

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